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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Keisuke SUZUKI

Title: POLYCYCLIC KETONE COMPOUND AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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Examiner: Alicia Fierro

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office action mailed May 1, 2009. Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-7 and 13-15 for examination, without traverse.

The Examiner has imposed a formal restriction between four allegedly distinct inventive groups. Group I (claims 1-7 and 13-15 (in part)), directed to a method for making various compounds of Formula (I), Group II (claims 8-12 and 13-15 (in part)), directed to a method for making various compounds of Formula (IIa ) and (IIb), Group III (claims 16-19), drawn to compounds of Formula (I) and Group IV drawn to compounds of Formulae (IIa) and (IIb), (claim 20).

The PTO further requires the election of a species within the elected group. For example, the PTO states that if Group I is elected, the Applicant is required to identify the name and structure of one species, the location of the species within the claims or within the specification, as well as the claims that read on the elected species. See Office Action on page 4.

